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Dear Sir:

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 13, 2003 AND
COMMUNICATION DATED APRIL 30, 2003**

A response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2003, was filed on March 17, 2003. However, in a communication dated April 30, 2003, the Examiner determined that the response of March 17, 2003, was non-responsive but bona fide and granted the Applicant a period of time, set to expire on May 13, 2003, in which to correct the form of the response. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the opportunity to correct the oversight and, in response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2003, and the communication of April 30, 2003, requests that the Examiner please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0317/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.